

VSF Europa symposium on food Sovereignty

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Outputs of DEP by SIVtro



SIVtro DEP activities in Italy

over 2,5 years

- 1 Photo exhibition
- 16 Weekly seminars meetings
- 6 Conferences
- 1 Intensive course at vet Turin University about food sovereignty
- 1 Exchange w Iranian farmers
- 10 Spot seminars
- 3 audiovisual – fund raising



How to organize this course (1) ?

Meeting with students (endogenous education)

- 0 Not from FS Definition and frames
- 3 Local producers
- 2 Local authorities
- 1 Agriculture & decentralized cooperation
- 1 Southern vets
- 2 Technical Cooperation & development aid
- 1 Organic farmers platforms
- 1 Local ecovillage field experience
- 2 NGO CSO platforms for lobby and advocacy
- 2 FAO: Land reform
 - Pro Poor Livestock Policy Initiative

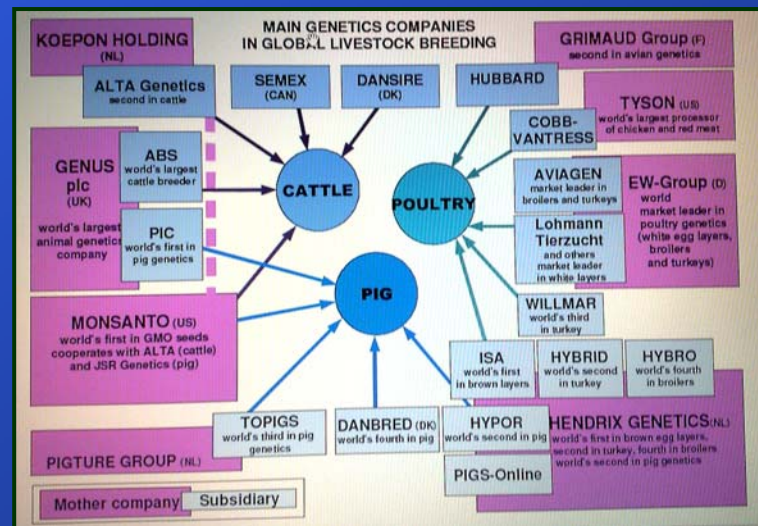


How to organize this course (2)?

“Homeworks”

*Food sovereignty
GR& world trade
Livestock’s long shadow*

*MDG
GMO
Land reform
Field examples*



Students' outputs

Power points

Questions & answers



Evaluation form filled (finally!)

- Contents learning
- Teachers quality
- Course organization
- Colleagues lessons

showing great interest,
... and confusion !!

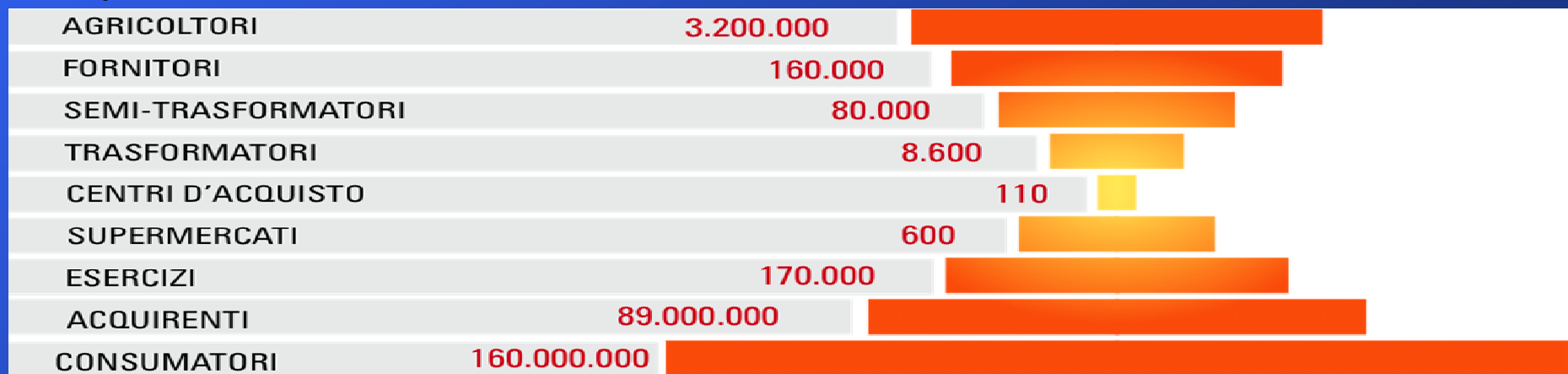
Our assessment

We target future vets and consumers
How do WE behave? Coffee break

Why?

The food sovereignty could be something balanced between the 2 main actors: the farmers and the consumers

Are producers and consumers the 2 main actors?



Global governance

“typical FAO stuff”

FAO has a lot of vision of trends and future challenges, priorities for the next 10-25 years, less clarity on what’s to be done now and how to

46 years ago (1963) World Food Congress (Washington, DC) President Kennedy told governments, “We have the means, we have the capacity to wipe hunger and poverty in the face of the earth in our lifetime. We need only the will.”

39 years ago (1970) World Food Congress (The Hague, Netherlands) A succession of world leaders repeated Kennedy’s statement of seven years earlier without effect.

35 years ago (1974) World Food Conference (Rome, Italy) U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger told governments, “Within 10 years, no child will go to bed hungry.”



No more *failures-as-usual*

13 years ago (1996) World Food Summit (Rome)

Governments agreed that the number of hungry and malnourished people would be cut in half by 2015 (from an estimated 830 million to less than 415 million).

7 years ago (2002) World Food Summit plus five (Rome)

Governments reaffirmed the Millennium Development Goals without elaboration.

Last year (2008) World Food Summit (Rome)

Governments reaffirmed 1996 commitment while noting that the number of hungry people now stands at 862 million and could increase another 100 million during the current crisis. Governments spent more time debating subsidies for agrofuels than hunger.



Or, to update Henry Kissinger:
“*Within 10 years no car will go to bed hungry*”

Are “we” against FAO ? no

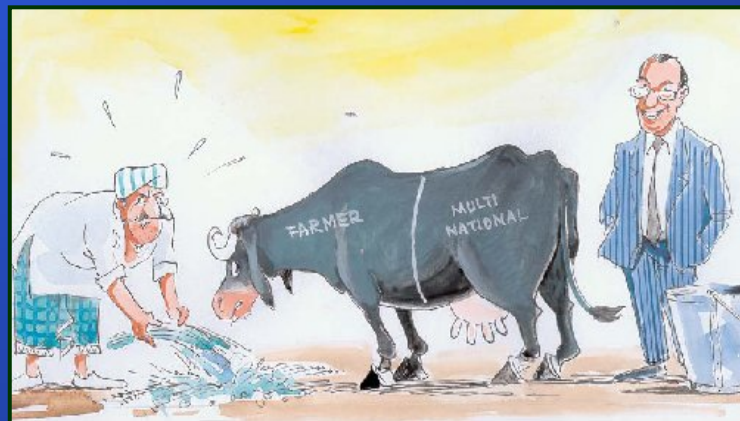
It is matter of governance, again

Inside UN system we are witnessing the fight between

big Foundations, G8 and private sector

Vs

Peasants



Bridging consumers and producers

*Food Sovereignty is the right of individuals, communities,
peoples and countries*

*to define their own agricultural, labour, fishing, food and land policies,
which are ecologically, socially, economically and culturally appropriate
to their unique circumstances.*

*It includes the true right to food and to produce food,
which means that all people have the right to safe, nutritious and cultural
appropriate food*

*and to food-producing resources and the ability
to sustain themselves and their societies*

our book

Concluding

Food Sovereignty

Meaning of a VSF Europa network

Awareness raising

contributing to new visions

Thanks everybody ...

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